

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1, 5 and 7 are currently amended, and claims 15-20 have been canceled. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-14 are pending, and claims 15-20 have been canceled.

The applicant affirms the election of Group 1, claims 1-14, for prosecution on the merits.

The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 5-12 if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5 and 7 have rewritten to be in independent form, so it is believed that claims 5-12 are now allowable.

Claims 1-4, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bauwens, et al (US 4,860,176). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 7, which was indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 13 and 14 are allowable as well.

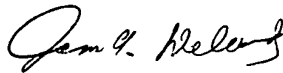
As for claims 1-4, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the power switch selectively switches power from the battery unit to electrical components powered by the battery unit to operate the electrical components and to clarify that the first switch controls the power switch to switch power from the battery unit to the electrical components powered by the battery unit to operate the electrical components according to the power received from the power supply. In other words, the power switch is a switch that actually provides the operating power to the electrical components.

Bauwens, et al disclose a lighting device for a vehicle wherein a manually operated switch (10) is used to operate lights (3) and (4), another manually operated switch (12) is used to operate a stop light (11), manually operated switches (15) and (16) are used to operate lights (13) and (14), and another manually operated switch (18) is used to operate a horn (17). Switches (8) and (9) are used to supply power from one of a generator (1) or a battery (2). However, neither switch is used to actually provide the operating power to the components powered by the selected power source. Thus, Bauwens, et al neither disclose nor suggest the subject matter presently claimed.

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Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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